GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:790
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BAD CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
RATNA SINGH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the bad condition of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) whether the Government have issued some orders/directions to the State Government in this regard;

(c) the total amount spent during the year 2001-2002 on the maintenance and upkeep of National Highways in State alongwith the names of places where the said amount has been spent;

(d) whether any investigation has been conducted in order to ensure that the said amount has been spent properly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD) KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) to (e): Maintenance of National Highways is a continuous activity and all National Highways includingthose in the State of Uttar Pradesh are kept in a traffic worthy condition within available funds, through the State P.W.D. A sum of Rs.61.19 crore has been allocated during 2001-02 for maintenance and repairs of various National Highways in the State and an expenditure of Rs.25.70 crore has already been incurred so far. Further, a total length of 679 km has been undertaken under improvement of riding quality at a cost of Rs.163.40 crore since 1999-2000. Also length of approx. 400 km is covered annually under periodic renewal. The works are closely monitored for progress and quality standards through State Government.